STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BORRELLO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to awarding grants to municipalities for capital improvement projects; and making an appropriation therefor

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 10 of section 54 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new paragraph w to read as follows:

w. Local government capital improvement grant program. (i) (1) For the purposes of this paragraph, "municipality" and "municipalities" shall mean any city, town or village that has a population of less than seven thousand five hundred.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, "total expenditures" shall mean the total expenditures for a municipality as reported to the state comptroller.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, "capital improvement projects" shall mean any non-transportation related capital improvement project on property owned by a municipality that has a total cost of one hundred thousand dollars or higher and such project exceeds ten percent of such municipality's total expenditures.

(ii) Within the annual amounts appropriated therefor, the secretary of state may award matching grants to municipalities to cover costs associated with capital improvement projects.

(iii) The maximum cumulative grant award for a local government capital improvement grant shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(iv) Matching funds equal to at least fifty percent of the total cost of the capital improvement project under the grant approved by the department of state shall be required to receive a local government capital improvement grant.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(v) Within one week of the receipt of an application, the department of state shall review the application to ensure the applicant has filed the correct application, and to determine if any required sections of the application contain no information. Within one business day of determining an applicant has filed an incorrect application, or determining an application contains no information in a section required to contain information, the department shall so notify the applicant. Applicants shall be permitted to amend an application found to be missing information, and such application shall be reconsidered for approval if it is amended by the application deadline. If an applicant has submitted an incorrect application, the applicant may submit the correct application to the appropriate program by the deadline for such program for consideration. Under no circumstances shall this subparagraph be deemed to require the extension of any application deadline established by the department, nor shall it obligate the department to conduct a substantive review of the contents of any application outside of the procedures established by the department for the purposes of maintaining the competitive integrity of the grant program.

§ 2. The sum of five million dollars ($5,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of state out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the local government capital improvement grant program, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of education in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.